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Sincerely

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Mr. Michael Powell Chairman, FCC 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

5/13/2003

Mr. Powell,

The attached commentary from the New York Times states some of the views I share with the author.

I believe it is quite alarming that such actions are being considered, especially in light of the growing trend towards consolidation of business markets. This is but another step toward forcing the consumer to purchase from a limited variety of providers, with the end result being that, as consumers, we will be spoon fed only the news and information that one major provider wants us to have! There will be no room for balance and fairness. I suspect, however, that the issue of balance and fairness is not a major concern here. What really matters is that a few get wealthy, and the rest of us will just have no choice but to live with what we're fed. This is going to wind up creating the same monopoly the cable TV and internet industries have wound up with! If I want cable television and internet access, I have one choice, and I have to pay whatever fees they demand! That's hardly representative of the American ideal of healthy competition! Those industries raise their rates, cloak the raises in legalese so the average consumer can't understand them, and smile all the way to the bank!

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Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I strongly urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

I spent over 22 years on active duty in the armed forces of this country supporting and defending the right of free speech and the right of the people to govern themselves. If these ownership rules are relaxed it will open the door to loss of these freedoms due to censorship and enforcement of personal agendas by the owners of this monopoly.

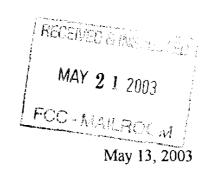
The American people must have access to all areas of the story to make informed, logical decisions and the monopolization of the media is a step in the wrong direction. Allowing a few multi millionaires to control the vast majority of information the public has access to is the first step towards loss of the basic freedoms this country was founded on.

Again, please do not allow the rules to be relaxed, please do not give media control to just a handful of people, please support the premise of free speech and access to the media by all Americans.

Sincerely,

David M. Williamson CWO3, USN, Retired

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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin:

"The foundation of a democracy is an informed electorate".

That foundation is being eroded by you and two members of your Commission who seem hell-bent on condoning and furthering the media industry merger of a handful of greed-driven, mega-giants, intent on stifling intellect, ideas and news.

One hour spent surveying the content of late night television in America, demonstrates the truly dysfunctional society that has been allowed to develop by a compliant and purely business oriented FCC. Public interest be damned! Turn to any foreign language channel and (without knowledge of a second language) it quickly becomes clear that real news is being aired - not the pabulum of murders, fires and robberies that has methodically been used to numb the minds of typical American viewers. Certainly this same phenomenon infects the press and radio across this land.

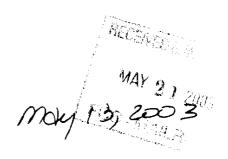
The planned June 2nd vote by the FCC to authorize sweeping changes to the U.S. news media must NOT be allowed to take place. This rules change could eventually allow our newspapers, radio stations, TV stations and cable provider to all be owned by one of these right-leaning giants and the resulting concentration of ownership will sound the death knell to our democracy. Commissioner Martin you are clearly not working in the peoples' interest.

Your job, Mr. Martin, is to guard against monopoly power. This unholy alliance of federal watchdog agencies, working hand in glove with the corrupting power of the media empires of AOL Time Warner, Viacom, News Corp (Fox), Disney and Hearst, lead us straight to a fascist society! ---

Sincerely,

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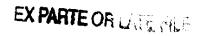
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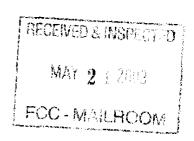
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein The Honorable Michael J. Copp The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

#### Dear Commissioners:

It is with the utmost urgency that I ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rule that protect all American citizens from media monopolies.

There is a great problem for all Americans with the recognized bias shown by both the print and broadcast media. The FCC cannot do anything about the bias excesses of newspapers and magazines. The FCC can and must protect braodcast media from being overwhelmed by the bias media giants by maintaining the ownership rules which keep opposing viewpoints on the air.Do not relax those ownership protections for the sake of our demoicracy and to assurehealthy political debate

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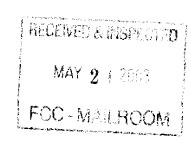
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DEAR MR.ADELSTEIN,

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE TO HEAR MORE THAN ONE POINT OF VIEW ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. THEREFORE, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR DEMOCRACY AND OUR FREEDOM, I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE THE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP PROTECTIONS THAT, FOR DECADES HAVE HELPED TO ENSURE A HEALTHY POLITICAL DEBATE IN OUR COUNTRY.

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THE HONORABLE KEVIN J. MARTIN COMMISSIONER F.C.C. 445 12TH STREET,SW WASHINGTON.DC 20554

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